(b) whether to overcome this handicap, KRC has trained its staff in martial art forms including travelling ticket examiners and coach attendants; and

(c) whether the Railways would emulate the initiative taken by KRC to train its staff in other zonal railway sectors also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no Government Railway Police on Konkan Railway as a matter of policy. Konkan Railway Corporation Limited receives help and assistance from concerned State Government Police. Railway Police Force is looking after and providing protection to Railway Property and rolling Stock and when any incident takes place, the local police render necessary help to the passengers and thus take legal cognizance of the case.

(b) Konkan Railway has trained its employees in Go-Ju-Ryu-Karate-Do for self-defence, thus helping the passengers. So far 940 Konkan Railway employees including travelling ticket examiners and coach attendants have been trained in Karate.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry.

Ticketless travellers

601. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high level special checks conducted by Railway teams headed by magistrates or officers with magisterial powers to nab and apprehend ticketless travellers throughout the country during 2004, zone-wise; and

(b) the number of ticketless passengers nabbed, the total fares, fines and penalties recovered as a result thereof, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The Zone-wise details regarding the number of checks conducted by magistrates, number of cases of ticketless travellers apprehended and amount recovered during 2004;

Railway	Number of special checks headed by Magistrates	Number of ticketless passengers nabbed during magisterial checks	Amount recovered (Rs. in crores)
Central	629	16829	0.27
Eastern	7819	17413	0.06
East Central	156	7157	0.15
East Coast	245	1887	0.02
Northern	567	12256	0.39
North Central	1701	22343	0.79
North Eastern	1187	14052	0.32
Northeast Frontier	694	1469	0.05
North Western	1258	1627	0.04
Southern	687	60446	1.23
South Central	748	22251	0.35
South Eastern	215	6505	0.07
South East Central	21	1590	0.01
South Western	90	65	0.01
Western	3838	5677	0.06
West Central	1127	17916	0.15
TOTAL	20982	209483	3.97

Booking of railway tickets on mobile phones

602. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced the booking of railway tickets on mobile phones;

(b) if so, the details of cities/towns that have been identified and allowed to book tickets through mobile telephones;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the next financial year *i.e.* 2005-06 this facility is going to be extended to all the places of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?